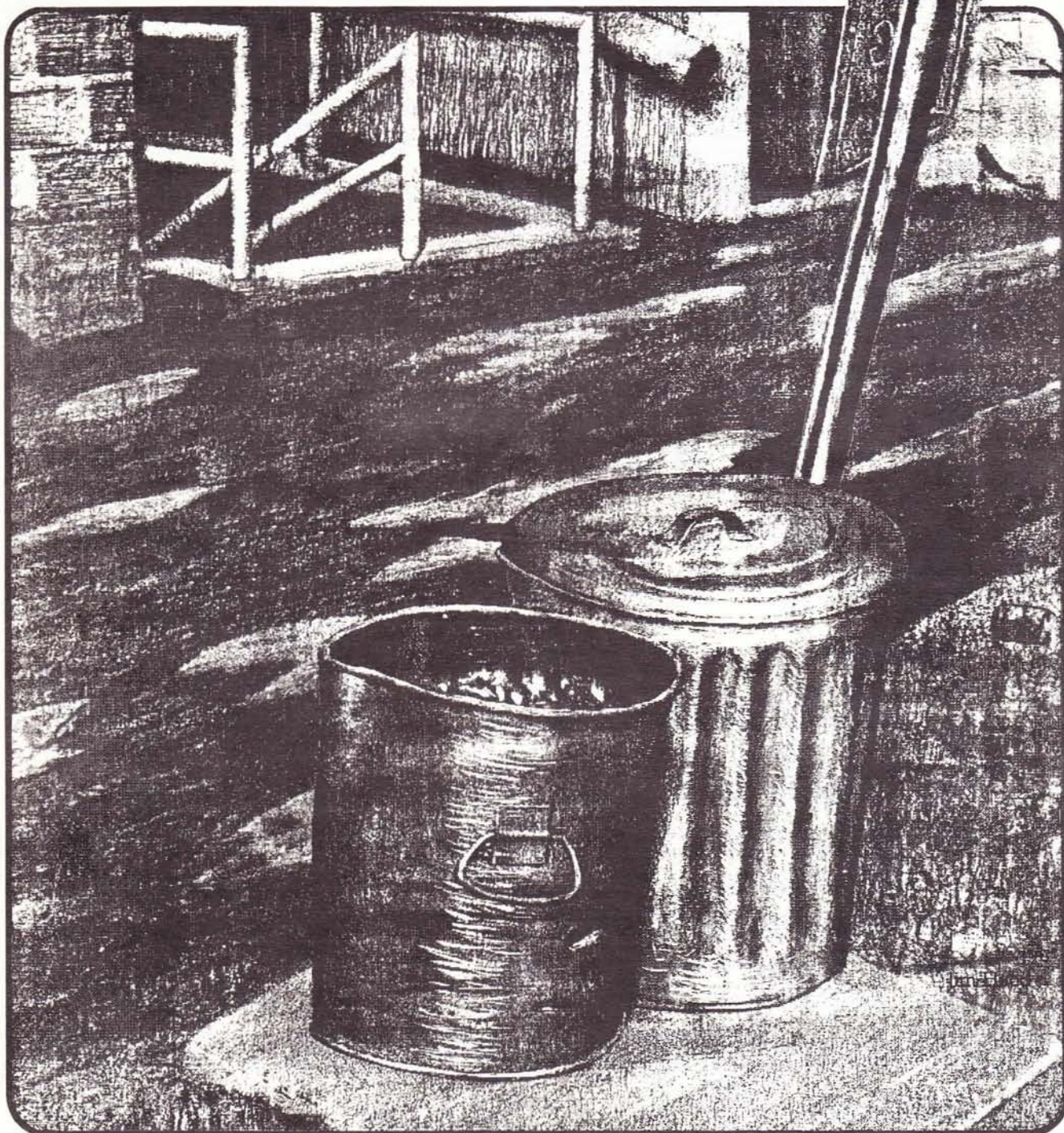
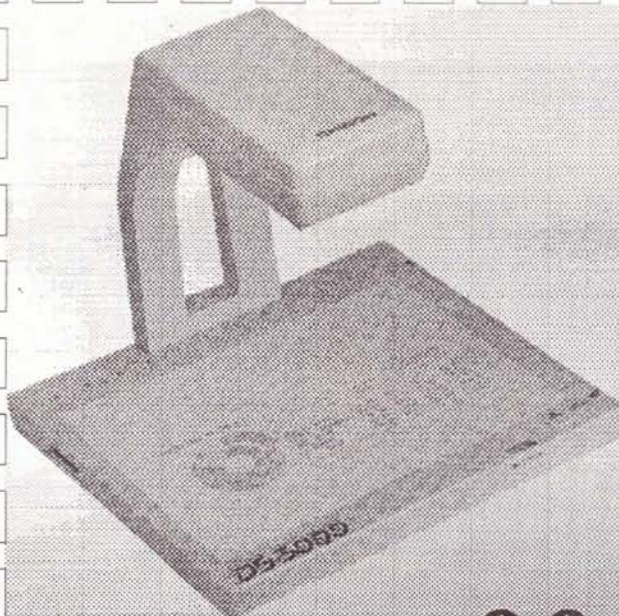


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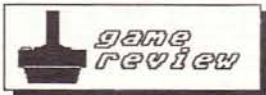
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McKRACKEN

by Donna Jean Grant

Well! Supper is over, the dishes are cleared up, and now it's time to put on my big nose glasses and go traveling with Zak. Zak McKracken is a game fantasy from LUCASFILM LTD. We never had a LUCASFILM game prior to this; but if Zak is any indication of their imagination, attention to detail, and upbeat sense of humor at LUCASFILMS, we will certainly have another--right after Zak and I return from Mars.

Zak and his three female companions--along with his big nose glasses disguise, his goldfish Sushi, and a whole cast of real "characters"--are trying to save the world from the Alien Mindbenders and their Stupidity Machine. To solve the various puzzles and gather the necessary supplies, you switch back and forth between the four friends and travel with them all over the world--and then some.

Zak is a point and click adventure. No more searching for "just the right word" to type in. Just point and click on the menu of words, or objects in the picture, and the program forms the sentences for you. Ten different games can be

saved to disk, which is a very handy feature; especially if you have someone else in the family "Zaking" everytime you vacate the chair.

So!! If you enjoy a challenge--with a lot of fun along the way--I definitely recommend Zak McKracken. The animation and graphics are great, the music and sound effects are great, and the attention paid to details is outstanding. But I really have to go now!! I have Zak floating on a cushion in The Burmuda Triangle. This is another fine mess I've gotten him into!!



Reprinted from CRAG#4, the Newsletter of the Calumet Region Atari Group, of Merrillville, IN.

When You Have Nothing To Say, SCAN Something

WHY DOESN'T THAT
GIRL HAVE FEET?



Jim Hood

You know, *you* could be filling these two pages with something interesting.

The most interesting thing I've been able to think of is what the Mustang Ranch brothel would be like if the Federal government ended up running it under the current bankruptcy proceedings.

For sure, any paintings on the walls would have to pass the Jesse Helms test for obscenity.

Who has the smallest market share, Atari or Next?

Next has announced their new 68040 machines. They will contain fast *hard drives*, replacing those slow optical drives in the current model. Ah, progress.

Rumor has it that Atari has notified dealers that the TT machines are now in the warehouse and will be released after they are introduced at the fall Comdex.

The other rumor is that Atari is parceling the few available TTs to developers by some sort of random drawing.

I am pretty sure we won't be raffling one at the next meeting, but we do have a good selection of programs and games donated by Winner's Circle and Microworld.

We will be raffling *That's Write*, a word processor, from Winner's Circle and *Blood Money* from Microworld, among other things.

This is, of course, all dependent on me showing up at the General Meeting and remembering to bring the stuff.

And there will be even more stuff to raffle at the ST SIG.

This month's cover is from an old drawing of mine, from which I made a reduced copy, with a Canon personal copier. I then scanned that into *Touch-Up* with the Migraph hand scanner.

Since I had reduced it to the final size that I wanted to use, I scanned three passes and pasted them together; a process that takes *much* longer than it takes to write about.

Then I spent a long time trying to get rid of the striping that the copier had introduced. You can still see some of it.

The final *Touch-Up* IMG file is 726,087 bytes, which didn't fit into *PageStream* on the club's MEGA-2 along with the other cover items, such as frames and text, so I did a bit of cutting and pasting, as well as a bit of hand inking around the cuts and such.

The scans on these pages are also from old drawings. The one of Robert Loo, on the opposite page, is 69,471 bytes and the footless girl in 33,102.

She doesn't have feet because I drew her too close to the bottom of the paper and ran out of room.

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MORAN'S MINUTES

September minutes

The September meeting was called to order by the chairman in charge of VICE, none other than the famous or infamous depending on how you look at it, Bob Woolley. All the important officers were present and accounted for. The President whatever his/her name is, sent in the poorest excuse we have ever heard for not being in attendance. It seems some school or other, (AA or Traffic can't remember which), was the reason.

Raffle items tonight are a game from MICROWORLD and a mouse pad from Jim Hood's secret hoard of club goodies for the ST's, a nearly new ATARI 1030 modem and an IBM keyboard adapter board for the 8 Bit's from Woolley's hoard.

The Chairman introduced several visitors and spies from other ATARI clubs.

Glenn Fowler demonstrated this month's 8 Bit floppy which included a little bit of everything. Three of the games on the disk were CROSSFIRE, LIFE and good old, 3D TIC TAC TOE. Also on the disk is a MAC 65 COMPILER.

BRETT DURETT, tonight's guest speaker who is doing some programming for ELECTRONIC ARTS, brought one of their newest games to demonstrate. The game IMMORTAL for the ST. BRETT demonstrated the game or at least parts of it, seems the

protection had been added and BRETT forgot to bring the manual for the game which has the necessary keys to the protection. Even without the keys there was ample demonstration to show some of the clever twists to this new game.

Our good friend and all around good talker Bill from MICROWORLD in Berkeley was good enough to show up at tonight's meeting and give us a report on his recent trip to Germany and the big ATARI show there. Bill brought a new low end scanner from his store to show to the membership, he said it was sharp and did a good job for the price. \$750.

Some of the tidbits of Bills trip to Germany were the price of gas, \$4 a gallon. The sale at the show of 100 of ATARI's new TT's. Reportedly 32 megahertz ones. The price of software in Germany is much higher than here in the states. CALAMUS \$800. PAGESTREAM \$500.

The TT's sold for \$5000 including 50 Meg hard drives and multisync monitors.

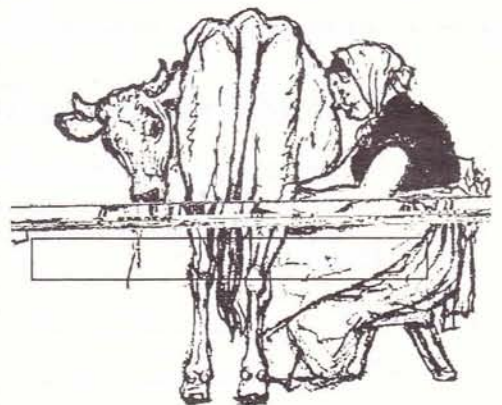
Most of the ATARIs in Germany are sold with mono monitors, about 95%. Most ATARI's are used for applications of which there seemed to be a large supply of real good high end ones available.

After a short break and another fixed raffle that I didn't win, we had the pleasure of watching a first class demonstration and discussion on the SUPERCHARGER and PC DITTO IBM emulators put on by Stephen Goldstein.

Unfortunately the demonstration was interrupted several times because Steve forgot his hair clip and he had to interrupt the demo several times to get his hair out of his eyes so he could see what he was doing. But this notwithstanding, the demo showed the good and the bad of the SUPERCHARGER emulator. Steve and his equally hairy friend Ralf Herman seemed to be in agreement that if you need the ability to run IBM software the emulators do a fair job, but are a pain to use compared to regular ST Software and ST operating systems.

Being no further business the meeting sputtered to a close and the important work of gossiping about the presidents SCHOOL began.

Respectfully Submitted - Jim Moran - Secretary



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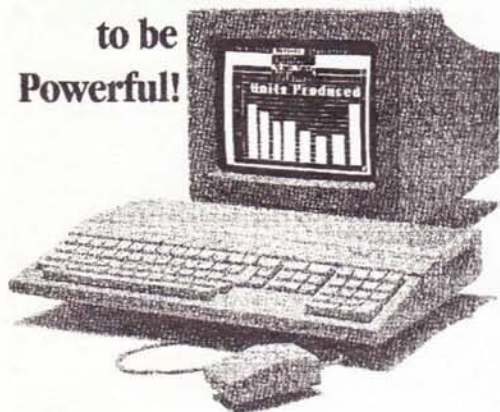
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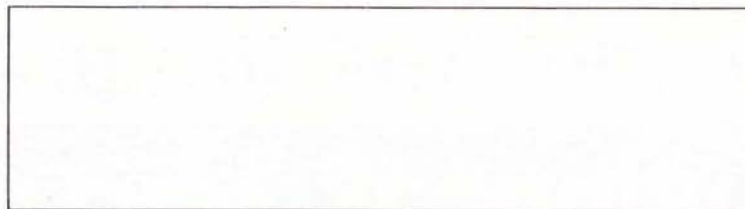
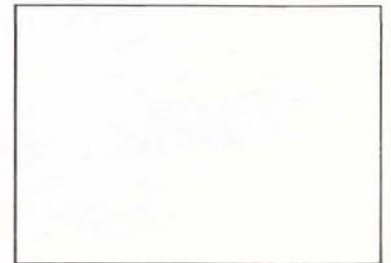
Richard Stiehl - If your still in the area, please give me a call.

Our speaker for the General Meeting is still undetermined. Jim Hood is trying to get a demo of SIM CITY, but you know Hood, he probably won't even show up himself.

For the ST Meeting we may have somebody from Computer Rock demo the CD thingy.

THANX,
KK

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